

The Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Defense (DOD), announced today that on July 28, 2000, Doctor Ira Liss was sentenced in U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, Tampa, FL, before U.S. District Judge Richard Lazzara. Dr. Liss was sentenced to 15 months incarceration, 2 years supervised release, \$29,000 in restitution, fined \$5,000 and ordered to pay a special assessment fee of \$600.

Dr. Liss was found guilty of all counts in the indictment. Dr. Liss received kickback payments from Clearwater Community Laboratory, Inc., Clearwater, FL, for his patient referrals, including patients covered by the TRICARE program.